

TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Re: HRSA Trauma Funding

January 8, 2004

M I N U T E S

Attendees:	Dr. Ramon Johnson	Dr. William Tuefel	Barbara Duffy, RN
	Leonard Inch	Carol Gunter	Dr. David Hoyt
	Bob Eisenman	Larry Karsteadt	Dr. Christian Sandrock
	Richard Watson	Donna Nicolaus	Maureen McNeil
	Bonnie Sinz		

HRSA FUNDING IDEAS

Dr. Sandrock explained that \$500,000 has been allotted for trauma and burns in the HRSA bioterrorism grant and that the grant committee is looking for ideas regarding the best way to use these funds. Dr. Sandrock also explained that the funding could not be used to hire personnel or for any predominately planning activity. The Trauma Advisory Committee proposed that the following activities be explored:

- Increase burn bed capacity. Identify costs for additional burn beds. Consultant to survey hospitals for potential burn bed usage and work with hospitals to identify and increase burn bed capacity. If can't purchase additional burn beds, organize current system and put into place procedures which will increase capacity.
- Ventilator purchases. Put into mainstream for hospital usage with contract to have hospital ensure its useful life (i.e., hospital maintenance and replacement).
- Purchase communication equipment to ensure adequate communication with outlying areas. Can dovetail with current communications projects so the \$500,000 may fill in some caps.
- Telemedicine.
- Create disaster resource centers that have specified equipment including, ventilators, pharmaceuticals, tents, cots, PA systems (see Los Angeles equipment list).
- Mobile surgical units with volunteer personnel.
- Create pediatric disaster resource center

Dr. Sandrock will review the listing and pull together some information regarding the above ideas. Another meeting will be held to further discuss and develop these proposals.